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SUBJECT: UNIVERSITY SITUATION IN JAKARTA AND BANDUNG

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1. SUMMARY. TROOPS REPORTEDLY SCUFFLED WITH STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF INDONESIA (UI) TODAY WHILE REMOVING POSTERS FROM UI'S TWO CAMPUSES. SECURITY FORCES TEMPORARITLY OCCUPIED BANDUNG'S PADJAJARAN UNIVERSITY (UNPAD) CAMPUS EARLIER IN THE WEEK, WITHOUT INCIDENT. THE BOGOR AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE (IPB) IS REPORTEDLY CLOSED. END SUMMARY.

2. SEVERAL SOURCES REPORT THAT TROOPS ENTERED THE
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UNIVERSITY OF INDONESIA'S (UI) TWO JAKARTA CAMPUSES TODAY, TO REMOVE POLITICAL POSTERS RECENTLY ERECTED BY STUDENTS. AT UI'S SUBURBAN RAWAMANGUN CAMPUS, BY ONE ACCOUNT, TROOPS ENTERED CLASSROOMS IN THE LAW AND THE SOCIAL SCIENCE FACULTIES, REMOVING POSTERS AND SCUFFLING WITH STUDENTS WHO TRIED TO STOP THEM. SEVERAL ACCOUNTS OF THE INCIDENT INDICATE SHOTS WERE FIRED AND THERE IS ONE UNCONFIRMED

REPORT THAT A STUDENT WAS WOUNDED. AT UI'S DOWNTOWN SALEMBA CAMPUS, SECURITY FORCES REPORTEDLY BROKE UP A GATHERING OF STUDENTS WEARING "MOURNING CLOTHES" AND POSTING BANNERS DECRYING THE "MURDER" OF STUDENTS AT GADJAH MADA UNIVERSITY (JOGJAKARTA) AND THE BANDUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE (ITB).

3. TROOPS EARLIER IN THE WEEK BRIEFLY OCCUPIED THE CAMPUS OF BANDUNG'S PADJAJARAN UNIVERSITY, APPARENTLY WITHOUT SERIOUS INCIDENT. ALTHOUGH LARGE NUMBERS OF STUDENTS WERE AROUND THE CAMPUS WHEN THE TROOPS MOVED IN, THERE WAS NO REPORTED CONFRONTATION OR DISORDER AND THE TROOPS QUIETLY WITHDREW AFTER SEVERAL HOURS. AT ITB, MEANSHILE, REGISTRATION OF ALMOST ALL FRESHMEN WAS COMPLETED OFF-CAMPUS AND WITHOUT INCIDENT. RE-REGISTRATION OF UPPERCLASSMEN, HOWEVER, IS PROCEEDING VERY SLOWLY, WITH ONLY 300 OF 7500 UPPERCLASSMEN SO FAR SIGNED UP. THE DEADLINE FOR UPPERCLASS REGISTRATION IS MARCH 11, AND ITB ADMINISTRATORS VOW TO START CLASSES AS SCHEDULED ON MARCH 13, NO MATTER HOW MANY STUDENTS ARE ENROLLED.

4. A VISITING FOREIGN LECTURER AT THE BOGOR AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE (IPB) TOLD US TODAY THAT IPB HAS BEEN CLOSED IN CONNECTION WITH RECENT STUDENT DISORDERS. ASSUMING THE REPORT IS TRUE, IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THE CLOSURE IS THE RESULT OF A STUDENT "STRIKE" OR OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION
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BY THE GOVERNMENT.

5. COMMENT. RECENT EVENTS IN JOGJAKARTA (REPORTED SEPTTEL) AND THE APPROACH OF THE MPR ARE LIKELY TO STIR UP A NEW ROUND OF NERVOUSNESS AND A NEW SPATE OF FUMORS IN JAKARTA, MAKING AN ACCURATE DAY-TO-DAY ASSESSMENT OF THE TACTICAL SITUATION INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THE GOVERNMENT CAN AND WILL MAINTAIN ORDER THROUGH THE MPR SESSION IN JAKARTA AND BANDUNG.
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